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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL
ITEM IN THE AGENDA OF THE FIFTIETH SESSION

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE
ON WOMEN: ACTION FOR EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Letter dated 11 October 1995 from the Permanent
Representative of the Philippines to the United
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with the decision taken by the Heads of Delegations gathered at the Fourth World Conference on Women, held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995, I have the honour to request, under rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace" in the agenda of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly.

Given the importance of the issue, I further request that the discussion of the item take place in plenary and that action be taken in the Third Committee.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, an explanatory memorandum is attached.

(Signed) Felipe MABILANGAN
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of the Philippines to the United Nations
Chairman of the Group of 77
New York



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Explanatory memorandum

The Fourth World Conference on Women was held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995 under the Presidency of Madame Chen Muhua, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.

At its conclusion, the Fourth World Conference on Women, which was widely attended by Member States, adopted the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action.

In chapter V, on the issue of implementation and follow-up, the Beijing Platform for Action states, inter alia:

"307. Responsibility for ensuring the implementation of the Platform for Action and the integration of a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system must rest at the highest levels"

and

"310. In following up the Fourth World Conference on Women, all entities of the United Nations system focusing on the advancement of women should have the necessary resources and support to carry out follow-up activities. The efforts of gender focal points within organizations should be well integrated into overall policy, planning, programming and budgeting."

To this end:

"313. The General Assembly, as the highest intergovernmental body in the United Nations, is the principal policy-making and appraisal organ on matters relating to the follow-up to the Conference and, as such, should integrate gender issues throughout its work. It should appraise progress in the effective implementation of the Platform for Action, recognizing that these issues cut across social, political and economic policy. At its fiftieth session, in 1995, the General Assembly will have before it the report of the Fourth World Conference on Women. In accordance with its resolution 49/161, it will also examine a report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Conference, taking into account the recommendations of the Conference. The General Assembly should include the follow-up to the Conference as part of its continuing work on the advancement of women. In 1996, 1998 and 2000, it should review the implementation of the Platform for Action."



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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Letter dated 13 October 1995 from the representatives of
Argentina, the Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia,
Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador,
Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua,
Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia,
Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On the instructions of our Governments and in accordance with the provisions of rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, we have the honour to request the inclusion of "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights" as an additional sub-item, which would become sub-item "e", of item 112, "Human rights questions", of the agenda of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly.

An explanatory memorandum is annexed hereto, in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

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Permanent Representative
of Argentina

(Signed) Harcourt L. TURNQUEST
Permanent Representative
of the Bahamas

(Signed) Edward A. LAING
Permanent Representative
of Belize

(Signed) Edgar CAMACHO OMISTE
Permanent Representative
of Bolivia

(Signed) Celso Luiz Nunes AMORIM
Permanent Representative
of Brazil

(Signed) Juan SOMAVIA
Permanent Representative
of Chile



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- (Signed) Luis VALENCIA RODRIGUEZ
Permanent Representative
of Ecuador
- (Signed) Robert MILLETTE
Permanent Representative
of Grenada
- (Signed) Samuel R. INSANALLY
Permanent Representative
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- (Signed) Patricia DURRANT
Permanent Representative
of Jamaica
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- (Signed) José Félix FERNANDEZ ESTIGARRIBIA
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Chargé d'affaires a.i.
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- (Signed) Alfonso CANTO DINZEY
Permanent Representative
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- (Signed) Ricardo CASTANEDA-CORNEJO
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of Honduras
- (Signed) Manuel TELLO
Permanent Representative
of Mexico
- (Signed) Jorge E. ILLUECA
Permanent Representative
of Panama
- (Signed) Fernando GUILLEN
Permanent Representative
of Peru
- (Signed) George William ODLUM
Permanent Representative
of Saint Lucia
- (Signed) Annette des ILES
Permanent Representative
of Trinidad and Tobago
- (Signed) Enrique TEJERA-PARIS
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The United Nations General Assembly, by its resolution 48/141 of 20 December 1993, considering, inter alia, that the promotion and the protection of all human rights is one of the priorities of the international community, and aware that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, decided to create the post of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The General Assembly provided that the High Commissioner would be the United Nations official with principal responsibility for United Nations human rights activities under the direction and authority of the Secretary-General and within the framework of the overall competence, authority and decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights.

In the aforesaid resolution, the General Assembly enumerated the High Commissioner's responsibilities, which basically involve promoting and protecting the effective enjoyment by all of all civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights. In the performance of his/her duties, the High Commissioner should be guided by the principles of impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity, in the spirit of constructive international dialogue and cooperation.

The General Assembly requested the High Commissioner to report annually on his/her activities, in accordance with his/her mandate, to the Commission on Human Rights and, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly.

It is therefore necessary to include in the agenda of the General Assembly a specific item relating to the above-mentioned report of the High Commissioner; this would also facilitate the Assembly's consideration of the report. This could be effected by adding a new sub-item, which would become sub-item "e", under item 112, "Human rights questions".

Item 112 has been allocated to the Third Committee.



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FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Letter dated 20 October 1995 from the Permanent Representative
of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to request, on behalf of the Group of 77, under rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion of an additional sub-item, entitled "Food and agricultural development", under item 95, Sustainable development and international economic cooperation, of the agenda of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly.

Given the importance of the issue, we would like to recommend that the sub-item be considered in its entirety by the Second Committee of the General Assembly.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, an explanatory memorandum is attached.

(Signed) Felipe MABILANGAN
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The urgency of the matter is due to the upcoming meeting of the World Food Summit, to be held at Rome from 13 to 17 November 1996, and it would be appreciated if this question could be considered as soon as possible during the current part of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly.
